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Be a Correctional Volunteer



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DO YOU

*Want to share an interest...give something of
yourself to another...*

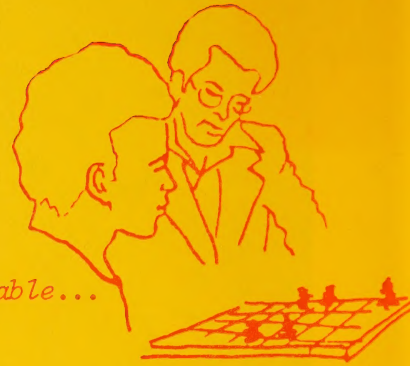
Wish to do something worthwhile....

Want an opportunity for personal growth...

Wish to give a direct personal service...

*Want a challenge which is interesting...enjoyable...
provides new social contacts...*

Wish to expand your knowledge...???



IF YOU DO

We believe that you can find a rewarding involvement as a correctional volunteer: with a probationer, in the community; in one of our other community programs; or in an institutional setting.

WHY SHOULD YOU?

People in trouble with the law need help and understanding and the acceptance and friendship of people like you. Above all it is important to them to know that somebody outside of their immediate circle of friends really cares. You may well be that special person whose influence is the turning point in the life of another human being.

WHO IS THE OFFENDER?

The majority of men and women in the ministry's care are between 16 and 25 years of age. They are often in need of a great deal of support and assistance. Perhaps the most important thing to remember is that the offender could be anyone at all who has failed in some area to meet the demands and pressures of modern day living. You can help him as he tries to meet the expectations of society.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

If you are interested in becoming a correctional volunteer, the list of volunteer activities is unlimited. Almost any skill you may wish to offer could be the basis of involvement. Some examples are:

*supervision of a probationer
life skills instructor
group discussion
job finding
volunteer coordinator
creative writing
drama
work with families
vocational counseling
chess
hobbycraft
budget cooking for singles
teaching literacy
researching reports for court*



The important thing is that you have something to share with another: a skill, an interest, or an ability to listen.

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WHERE?

The Ministry of Correctional Services is active in many communities of the province. You are almost certain to be living near a probation office, or a local jail, detention or correctional centre, or a community resource centre.

If you cannot locate one of our local programs for further information, you are invited to contact:

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